St. Louis Earth Day Festival - Heroes for the Planet: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Acts

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Our Earth Day theme brings light to the fact that each of us has the power to be great and to do heroic, extraordinary acts that will impact the world in which we live. We don't need a genetic mutation or space dust to make us great. Sure, it would be useful if we could fly or turn bad guys into ice or grow back limbs, but we have everything that we need as regular humans to make good decisions, work hard and cooperate with one another. So, grab your cape, create an alternative identity, and meet us in Forest Park to celebrate a year of heroic acts!

23rd Annual St. Louis
Earth Day Festival
Forest Park on the Muny Grounds
Sunday April 22, 11am – 6pm

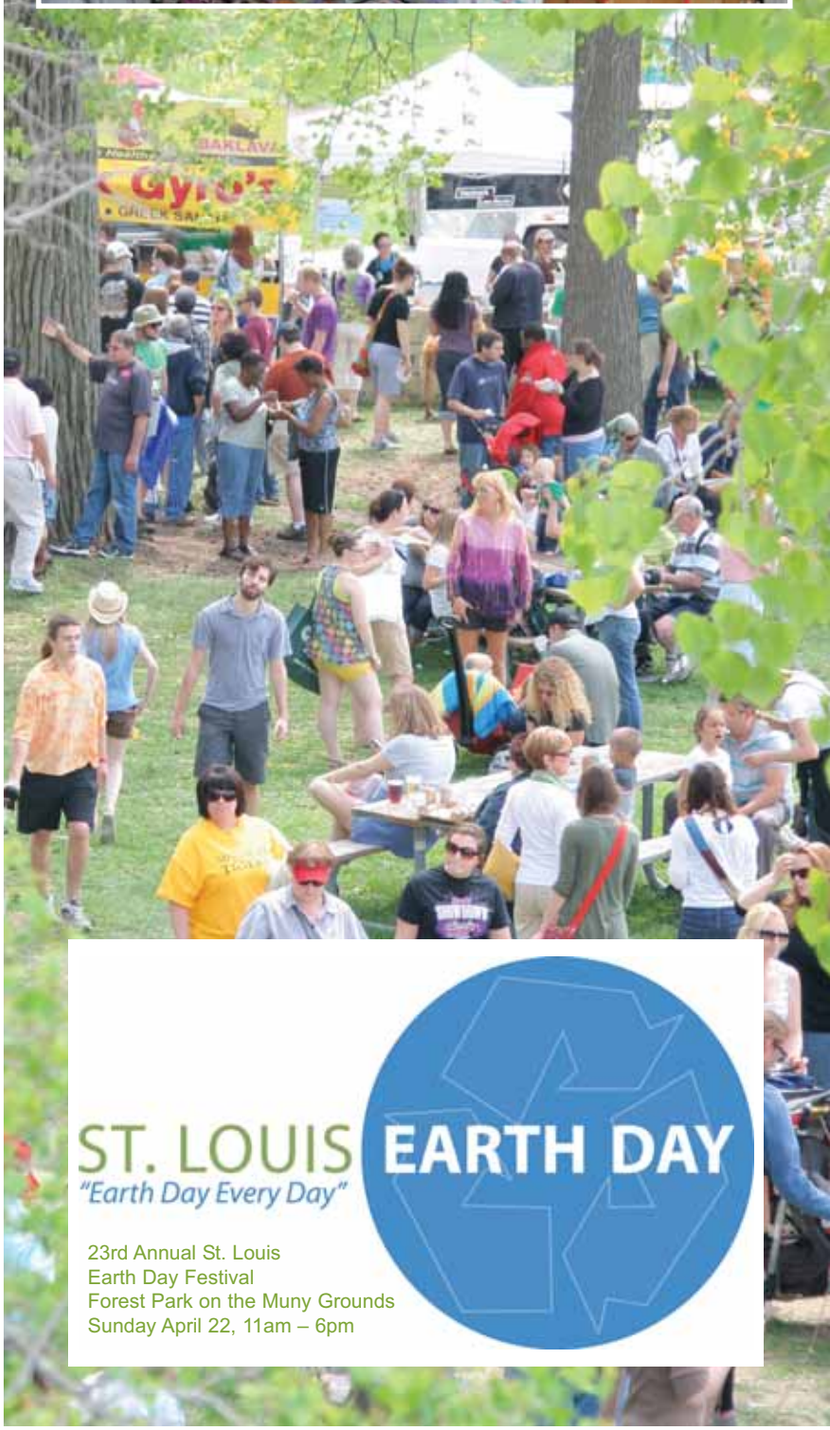
The Festival showcases 200+ vendors and exhibitors who offer products and services that enable a more sustainable lifestyle; educational activities for all ages are located throughout the event. Attendees can pack a picnic blanket and enjoy three stages of live music and cultural performances, local food and beer, and hands-on activities for the whole family – dogs too! We'll kick the day off with the All Species Parade, which, of course, will feature superheroes!

When you come to the Festival, we challenge you to be a Hero for the Planet - bike, walk, carpool or ride the Metro. Bring your own reusable shopping bags and refillable water bottle (we will have refill stations on site). If you do two of these three things, we will give you a prize at the information booth. When you incorporate any of these good habits into your daily behavior, you set a heroic example for those around you and inspire a cleaner and healthier environment!

Before the Festival, start your day off with a heroic act – join the annual Operation Wild Lands trash pick-up, coordinated by The Open Space Council. Meet in the lower Muny parking lot, off Theatre Drive, at 9 a.m.—gloves and light refreshments will be provided.

Returning from last year, we've organized an opportunity for your family to safely dispose of hard-to-recycle items, like household appliances, computers, televisions, bicycles, art supplies, Styrofoam and much more. The Earth Day **Recycling Extravaganza** will be accepting your spring cleaning debris from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the St. Louis Community College Forest Park Campus parking lot, off Oakland Ave. Over a dozen non-profit organizations and recycling companies will be accepting items—visit our website for a comprehensive list of partners and items that will be collected.

If you are looking for some more opportunities to let your Superhero Self shine through service, consider volunteering for the Festival. Our event has become the third larges in the nation, thanks to the support of over 250 volunteers who help us host this event each year. There are also many opportunities to volunteer with other area non-profits throughout the year, and you can find out about those opportunities at the Festival. Visit our online **Community Events Calendar** where we post events and volunteer opportunities with our partner organizations year-round.

We hope that you will join us in our mission to engage the community and challenge all people to embrace the small things that we can all do to make a difference in the future wellbeing of our shared home.

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